higher education for ST students *viz.* The Post Matric Scholarship scheme, the Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship Scheme, the National Overseas Scholarship Scheme and the Top Class Education Scheme. Of these, the Post Matric Scholarship Scheme is available to all eligible ST students whose family income is less than Rs. 1.08 lakh per annum, for pursuing post-matric courses in recognized institutions, unlike the schemes of the Ministry of Minority Affairs which carry a fixed number of scholarships per state.

Ownership of forest lands to tribals

†2759. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI:
DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the progress made in the programme aimed at granting ownership rights to tribals over forest lands under their possession, State-wise;

(b) the number of cases identified so far, the claims presented and the number of possessions granted out of them in Rajasthan;

(c) the number of claims pending, the stages of their pendency, since when these are pending and the reasons therefor; and

(d) the person entrusted with the responsibility to remove shortcomings pointed out in the claims and by when Government would ensure their fulfilment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI TUSHAR CHAUDHARY): (a) and (b) Details of the claims received and the number of title deeds distributed/ready for distribution in respect of forest land under the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006, State-wise, including Rajasthan, as on 30.11.2009, are given in the Statement (*See* below).

(c) The responsibility for implementing the provisions of the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 lies with the State/UT Governments. The processing of the claims for recognition and vesting of forest rights is a continuing process. The data regarding the number of claims pending in the different States/UTs, the stages of their pendency, since when these are pending and the reasons therefor, etc. are not maintained in the Ministry of Tribal Affairs.

(d) The claimants under the Act for recognition of their forest rights over forest land have to submit their claims in the Form prescribed in the Rules notified on 1.1.2008 for implementing the provisions of the Act. The claimant himself has to ensure that the particulars to be given in the Form are correct in all respects.

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Statement

Status of State-wise implementation of the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006

(As on 30.11.2009)

Sl. No	State	Total number of claims received	Total number of titles deeds distributed/ ready
1	2	3	4
1.	Andhra Pradesh	3,25,105 (3,18,037 Individual and 7,068 community)	1,73,052 distributed
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	-	-
3.	Assam	66,546 (63,448 Individual and 3098 community)	-
4.	Bihar	788	-
5.	Chhattisgarh	4,57,857	1,92,088 distributed
6.	Goa	-	-
7.	Gujarat	1,85,222 (1,77,055 individual and 8,167 community	7,584 distributed
8.	Himachal Pradesh	-	-
9.	Jharkhand	4,539	72 distributed including 2 community rights
10.	Karnataka	45,801	-
11.	Kerala	36,448 (35,310 Individual and 1138 community).	23distributed
12.	Madhya Pradesh	3,71,993	47,460 distributed and 39,779 ready.
13.	Maharashtra	2,79,540	2,453 distributed

1	2	3	4
14.	Manipur	-	-
15.	Meghalaya	-	-
16.	Mizoram	-	-
17.	Orissa	3,06,034 (3,04,034 individual and 1,698 community)	50,190 distributed
18.	Rajasthan	59 557 (59,239 Individual and 318 community)	6,454 distributed
19.	Sikkim		
20.	Tamil Nadu	8,352	
21.	Tripura	1,62,819	82,741 distributed
22.	Uttar Pradesh	52,736	
23.	Uttaranchal		
24.	West Bengal	1, 41,783 (1,31,664 individual and 10,119 community	11,110 distributed and 3,894 ready
25.	A & N Islands		
26.	Daman & Diu		
27.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli		
	Total	25,05,120	5,73,227 distributed and 43,693 ready.

Notes:

1. Arunachal Pradesh: The State Government has informed that though they have constituted the SDLC, DLC and SLMC under the Act but unlike the other States of Indian Union where the Scheduled Tribes and other traditional forest dwellers are in minority and socio economically marginalized by other dominant non-tribal population, the State of Arunachal Pradesh is wholly domiciled by various ethnic tribal groups whose land and forests are specifically identified with natural boundaries of hillocks, ranges, rivers and tributaries. Barring few pockets of land under wildlife sanctuaries, reserved forests, most of the land in entire State is community land. Territorial boundaries of land and forest belonging to one community or tribes from the others are also identified in the same line leaving no scopes for any dispute over the possession of land forest or water bodies among the tribes. Therefore, the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 in true sense does not have much relevance to the State of Arunachal Pradesh.

2. Haryana: The State Govt. has informed that there are no Scheduled Tribes and other traditional forest dwellers living in the forests of Haryana.

3. Manipur: Information not available.

4. Mizoram: The State Government has informed that the Act is to be approved by the State Legislative Assembly as per the Article 371(G) of the Constitution. This is awaited.

5. Nagaland: The Government of Nagaland has informed that the land holding system and the village system of the Naga people is peculiar in that the people are the land owners. Hence, the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 per se may not be applicable to the State of Nagaland.

6. Sikkim: The Government of Sikkim has issued a notification dated 28.1.2008 regarding constitution of an Expert Committee for identification of Critical Wildlife habitats in Protected Areas (PAs) and have also constituted the various Committees under the Act but has not sent any report regarding the progress of implementation of the Act in the State so far.

7. A&N Islands: The Andaman & Nicobar Administration has informed that in A&N Islands there are no non-tribal forest dwellers as defined in the Act. The area inhabited by the Scheduled Tribes of A&N Islands has been declared as reserved area under the A&N Islands Protection of Aboriginal Tribes (Regulation), 1956. The interest of the tribals in the land situated in the reserved areas are fully protected under the provision of the regulation. The tribal reserves have been notified as reserved or protected forest reserve.

8. Daman & Diu: No progress.

9. Lakshadweep: The UT Administration has intimated that there are no terrestrial forests and no forest tribes or traditional forest dwellers in Lakshadweep.

10. Puducherry: The Government of Puducherry has informed that there are no recognized Scheduled Tribes in the Union Territory of Puducherry and also no land in Puducherry is classified as "Forest Land" coming within the definition of Clause 2(d) of the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006.

Swadhar scheme in Himachal Pradesh

2760. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of women benefited by Swadhar Scheme in Himachal Pradesh;\

(b) the details of funds sanctioned and released to Himachal Pradesh for implementation of Swadhar Scheme during the year 2008-09 and 2009-10;

(c) whether Government has received any complaints regarding the diversion of funds to other activities; and

(d) if so, the action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA TIRATH): (a) There is no Swadhar shelter Home functioning in the State of Himachal Pradesh.

(b) to (d) Does not arise.

Programmes under ICDS

†2761. SHRI KAPTAN SINGH SOLANKI: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the programmes being operated throughout the country under Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS), State-wise;

(b) whether the economic assistance is also being provided to Non-Government Organizations through this scheme; and

(c) if so, the details thereof. State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA TIRATH): (a) to (c) The Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) is a centrally sponsored Scheme implemented through the State Government/UT Administrations. It aims a holistic development of children below six years of age and pregnant women and lactation mothers by providing a package of six services comprising supplementary nutrition, immunization, health check up, referral services, pre-school non-formal education and nutrition and health education.

Of the six services, health components namely, immunization, health check up, referral services are delivered through public health infrastructure under the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare.

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